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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BC 552-2020

**AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN ZAMBOANGA CITY**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Section 455 in relation to Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 which is known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empower the City Mayor to carry out emergency measures during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 was first discovered in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause respiratory illnesses such as the common cold, according to the Centers for Disease. COVID-19 is classified as an airborne High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) in the UK (World Health Org.). The COVID-19 is a NEW STRAIN of CORONAVIRUS that HAS NOT BEEN previously identified in humans;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared on January 30, 2020, that the COVID-19 is a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and that Philippines is already one of several countries with confirmed COVID-19 case and on February 1, 2020, the Department of Health (DOH) had confirmed the first mortality of COVID-19 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular no 2020-018 which was subsequently amended by Memorandum Circular No. 2020-23 enjoining all local government units (LGUs) to effectively intensify the information, education and communication (IEC) campaign on the COVID-19, and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the general welfare, public health, and well-being of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Presidential Proclamation 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country amid the worsening novel coronavirus (COVID-19) scare and that "All government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global Pandemic as the new coronavirus, which was unknown to World Health Officials just three months ago, has rapidly spread to more than 121,000 people from Asia, Middle East, Europe and the United States;



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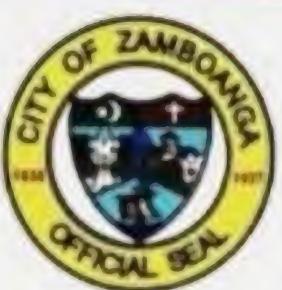
WHEREAS, the Task Force COVID-19 convened yesterday, March 13, 2020, and passed several resolutions for precautionary measures to prevent the spreading of COVID-19 in the city;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO, City Mayor of Zamboanga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby order the following:

Section 1. External applications.

- a) Cancellation of public and private mass gatherings among others but not limited to public parks and gardens, government facilities, barangay halls, community centers, private establishments such as hotels and restaurants, concerts, beaches, resorts, places of worship, general assemblies, barangay fondas, cockfighting/gallera, moving up ceremonies and graduations;
- b) Religious and social gatherings must observe strict preventive measures like social distancing and practice of hand sanitation and hygiene;
- c) Suspension of classes for all levels, primary, secondary, tertiary and madrasahs;
- d) Suspension of all incoming land, air and sea transport effective 12:00 noon, Monday, March 16, 2020. This will be in place until further notice. However, this does not affect movement of goods, supplies and outgoing passenger trips;
- e) All Passenger vessels except cargo ships, especially coming from Malaysia are prohibited entry in the Zamboanga City seaport and finger wharves. The cargos of these vessels are allowed to unload but the officers and crew are prohibited to disembark effective on March 15, 2020 to April 15, 2020. All non-conventional vessels are strictly prohibited from docking and unloading their passengers and cargos in all seaports, wharves and other points of entry in the City;
- f) Cancellation of jail visitations except bringing of foods but limited up to the gate;
- g) The public are prohibited to go to beaches and resorts for recreation;
- h) Joaquin F. Enriquez Memorial Sports Complex and Jardin Maria Clara L. Lobregat Park Complex are closed to the general public. However, concessionaires adjacent to the Jardin Maria Clara will continue to operate;





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- i) Malls, Shopping Centers, Hotels and Restaurants should establish sanitation zones and mandatory temperature checks should be implemented at the entrance of their establishments;
- j) Practice social distancing between persons no less than 1 meter;
- k) Strengthening the Health Surveillance System in the City and establishment of Medical Checkpoints of major entry points in Licomo and Limpapa;
- l) All government and private institutions must promote, practice and observe precautionary measures to prevent COVID-19 as recommended by the WHO, DOH and the City Health Office;

Section 2. Internal Applications for the Local Government Unit of Zamboanga and other government offices/agencies.

- a) There will be no flag raising ceremonies and retreats on Mondays and Fridays;
- b) All approved personal and official foreign and local travels are hereby revoked;
- c) Employees with recent travel to areas with local COVID-19 transmission must undergo self-quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival and must secure clearance from CHO before reporting back to work;
- d) Personal follow-ups in offices are not allowed but may be done via phone or email subject to connectivity;
- e) All employees who have flu-like symptoms are prohibited to report for work to the office and shall seek medical consultation and submit a certificate before reporting back to work from the CHO;
- f) Office based and non-frontline service employees will observe 4 day work week effective on Monday as prescribed by recent issuance of Civil Service Commission. The CHRMO are directed to draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations relative to the self-quarantined and observance of the 4-day work week;
- g) All employees are directed to rigorously maintain cleanliness in their respective offices, hand sanitizers or alcohol should be made available in the entrance of their respective offices for clients and for personal use, practice regular hand washing by using soap and water.



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Section 3. Sanctions. All persons who will violate this Executive Order may be subjected to criminal or administrative prosecution if warranted under existing laws.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let copies of this Executive Order be furnished to the Zamboanga City Task Force COVID-19 and to all the concerned heads offices for their information to include all private and government instrumentalities, institutions and agencies.

The City Public Information Officer, Office of the City Mayor, is directed to see the widest dissemination of this Executive Order to all media outlets in the City.

SO ORDERED.

Done in the City of Zamboanga, Philippines, this 14th day of March, in the Year of our Lord, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isabelle G. Climaco".

MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO
City Mayor